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FARMERS FAIRS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is disseminating the latest farm knowledge and provides good quality seeds and fertilisers to the farmers by organising farmers` fairs or melas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of such fairs/melas organised by the Union Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms' Scheme (Popularly known as ATMA Scheme) has a provision for financial assistance to the State Governments for organizing exhibitions, fairs and melas at the State and District levels to popularize appropriate technologies and to disseminate latest & relevant information/knowledge. The State Governments sometimes distribute good quality seeds and other agricultural inputs during such events.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been supporting and participating in national/regional level exhibitions/fairs (on a selective basis) organized by different State Governments, Institutes and Organisations.

(b): The Union Government does not organize any such fairs/melas directly.